

2020



Griffith Lutheran Church
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***"Growing Christ-Centered
relationships in our
communities through
love and service."***

Special Points of Interest

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- ♦ Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome Back to in-person
Worship Services!!!**

- ♦ Please "like" us on Facebook to watch the worship service live on Facebook.

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Previously recorded GLC worship services are also available to watch on YouTube.

2020 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: Nina Miller

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Trustees: ~ Open ~

Elders: Nina Miller

Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey

Stewardship: Dennis Robbins

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Christian Ed/Sunday School: ~ Open ~

Youth Group: ~ Open ~

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

GLCW: Gail Shimala & Debbie Lewis

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

2020 Board of Elders

“Growing together in faith -
caring for and loving one another in Christ”

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Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Helen, cancer - Denny Robbins mother ~ Michelle, rehab - daughter-in-law of Terry Hennig

We Pray for Worshippers:

Camille White ~ Carrie Sovola ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Bev Oddivak ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Carol Schuster ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler

Shut-ins / Homebound:

Alan Bowers - Golden Living Nursing Home ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Beverly Oddivak – Wittenberg Village ~ Russ Schroeder - At home ~ Diane Tomasko – St. Anthony Nursing Home

Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Kurt Blount, stationed in DeForest, WI with wife Mae and daughter Emma ~ Doug Vaughan, grandson of Lucille Brady - stationed in New York, Fort Durum ~ Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell - Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island

Friends & Family:

Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ Becky - niece of Velma Thiel ~ Kathy Davis – niece of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Cathy Marcheschi – daughter of Geri Larson ~ Rose - Loretta's mom ~ Randy Anderson - relative of Velma Thiel ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Charles Newman, cancer - husband of Susan Newman ~ Tom - Uncle of Jeff Miller ~ Shane Conover - friend of Annette Johanson ~ Shandra Crow and Marie Carter - co-workers of Annette Johanson ~ Elizabeth - friend of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins





PRAY TELL

AUTUMN

**Autumn brings to the soul relief, as hot summer days, slip to an end.
God sent the season for weary hearts to restore, repair & mend.**

**Unlike the autumn trees, that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts to adhere, embrace and cleave.**

**Just as with the autumn winds, there comes a new refreshing rain,
God sent the season for fraying hearts to increase, grow and gain.**

**The autumn sun is slow to climb, and dips much earlier into the night,
God sent the season for sleepy hearts, to rise, shine and awake in His light.**

**God gave to us the autumn season, so we could have a respite and rest,
for it is the season for our beset souls, to see how much we are blessed.**

KJV

Psalm 16:9

**“Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
My flesh also shall rest in hope”**

Sandra Ruban

From Pastor Scales

This morning, (September 22, 2020) I had a zoom meeting with other interim pastors along with Assistant to the Bishop Heather Apel and Bishop Gafkjen. We exchanged with each other what our churches are doing during the pandemic. The majority are as we, that is that have both in-church gathering (social distancing and masks) and individual wrapped communion of bread and wine. Few are singing, although some are singing with masks, even though it is discouraged.

The Bishop said for us to prepare that we will never be again as we were before the pandemic. He has said this before. Worship, “church”, faith-based community will not be the same. It will be different. We all sensed that as the case, but none of us, including the Bishop, could identify just how we will not be the same, perhaps forever changed.

It seems for sure that “live-streaming” with take-home communion is here to stay and will grow and increase. If that is the case, we may have fairly empty church buildings on Sunday. Being that zoom is possible and other venues as well, Bible study, Sunday school, committees, may very well not meet within a building, but on-line with each person at home or any other place.

Already, the church is very much less a place for social community as it was years ago. We have found other places and ways to be with one another, where, at one time, the church was that place.

The interim pastors were given a survey and one of the questions was about whether we continued our youth and children programs. Of the 19 participants there, most said they had no children or youth in their congregation.

So, what is the future of the church? What is the future of a faith-based community? What is the future of Christ being shared? Some think the longing for community and sharing will cause us to start again with small groups meeting, such as the “house churches” during the beginning of Christianity. And then the house churches will grow and eventually will lead to churches as we had known them many years ago. Some think, we will never return to active worship or other active faith gatherings.

What do you think?



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



October 2: Jeff & Janet Csonka Celebrating 38 Years.
October 7: David & Robin Blount Celebrating 42 Years.
October 14: James & Nancy Carrell Celebrating 48 Years.
October 19: Steve & Carolyn Connell Celebrating 41 Years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 3: Antonio Martinez
October 3: Scottie Joyce
October 6: Cheryl Robbins
October 11: Thomas Fleming
October 12: Terry Hennig
October 13: Bob Pahl
October 16: Richard Koehler
October 18: John Lewis
October 18: Jennifer Cotton
October 19: Pat Sims
October 19: Steve Connell
October 24: Bernice Morris
October 27: Roy Hall
October 29: Mike Struebing

OCTOBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	12 7p.m Church Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	26	27	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day 

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OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

BUNS CARE CHARITY

BUNS CARE CHARITY is a children's charity located in Griffith Indiana, formed in 1965 by a group of Highland High School students, dedicated to improving the education & welfare of Lake County Indiana's underprivileged kids.



Each spring BUNS CARE provides one or two modest scholarships to local graduating, high achieving seniors, that do not qualify for any type of assistance.

Once a year, just after Thanksgiving, the charity enlists help of Northwest Indiana businesses & citizens to collect hundreds of new shoes to distribute to local kids.

The sisterhood chapter of BUNS CARE provides a Pre-K at home program for families unable to afford traditional preschool classes. This gives the preschoolers a huge advantage at being prepared for kindergarten. The kits contain a variety of learning activities that with about 20 minutes a day will have a child prepared for school.

BUNS CARE CHARITY is 100% local volunteers from NW Indiana.

<https://bunscare.org/>

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban; Mission Board Chair



Love INC. is in need of New or Gently Used pillows and blankets.

For monetary donations please note “*Love INC. Pillows*” on memo of check or offering envelope. Thank you.

GLC's Memorial Garden

Griffith Lutheran Church now has a Memorial Garden in a section of the prayer garden. The Memorial Garden is a dedicated portion of the Prayer Garden where the cremated remains of loved ones can be scattered in a peaceful, reverent place.

Please take a moment to visit our lovely gardens. Under the direction of Lucille Brady, both gardens are beautiful. The Memorial Garden now has a register on which individual plaques with the names of those whose ashes are scattered in the garden will be placed. The register is secured to a stand that was designed and donated by David Blount.

If you are interested in learning more, we have copies of the guidelines and application in the church office.

Thank you to Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, IN. for their guidance and to all who participated in getting GLC's Memorial Garden prepared and ready.

(Pictured: *Rich Shimala and David Blount.*)



Hammond City Rescue Mission
Feed the Homeless Lunch Program
at the City Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter;
527 State Street, Hammond, IN,

GLC will be providing a meal about once a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults. The Fellowship Committee spends an average of \$150.00 on groceries for these meals. Please consider a donation to help support this outreach program. Please write "*Homeless Shelter*" in memo of check. Thank you.

Welcome Carrie Sovola, GLC's new Deacon Intern

The GLC congregation voted to call Carrie Sovola as a Part Time Deaconess Intern of Griffith Lutheran Church on September 27, 2020.

Carrie is currently a student at Lutheran Diaconal Association in Valparaiso, IN. Carrie will be installed as GLC's Part Time Deaconess Intern on November 8, 2020.

God of compassion, your Son came among us not to be served but to serve. We give you thanks for the women and men whom you have called to the diaconal ministry of word and service especially Carrie Sovola. Give them faith to serve you with gladness; sustain them with a living hope, especially in the time of despair; and kindle in them your love, so that they see in every neighbor the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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